

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-99. (canceled)

Claim 100. (amended) A method of broadcasting incoming call information from a local customer premises equipment ("CPE") to at least one remote CPE, said method comprising:
receiving incoming call information including a voice message at said local CPE; and
broadcasting, using said local CPE, a derived call information, which is derived from said received incoming call information and which includes said incoming call information, over a communications network to said at least one remote CPE ~~The method according to Claim 99 wherein said incoming call information includes a voice message.~~

Claim 101. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 100 further comprising taking said local CPE off-hook prior to receiving said voice message.

Claim 102. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 100 wherein said local CPE is at least one of a telephone set, a telephone answering device (TAD), digital telephone answering device (DTAD), and a voice mail device.

Claim 103. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 101 wherein said local CPE receives at least one ring tone from at least one of a central office (CO) switch, a voice over Internet protocol (VOIP) server, and an Internet service provider (ISP) server prior to taking said local CPE off-hook.

Claim 104. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 100 wherein said broadcasting step includes transmitting said voice message over a paging channel.

Claim 105. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 100 wherein said network includes at least one of a VentureNet, a Ethernet, a "blue tooth" network, a X.10 network, a personal computer (PC) network, and a wireless network.

Claim 106. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 100 further comprising said at least one remote CPE delivering said voice message to a speaker device.

Claim 107. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 100 further comprising said local CPE delivering said voice message to a speaker.

Claim 108. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 100 further comprising the step of said at least one remote CPE storing said voice message.

Claim 109. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 100 wherein said voice message is a call announce identification message .

Claim 110. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 109 wherein said call announce identification message is generated by at least one of a central office (CO) switch, a voice over Internet protocol (VOIP) server, and an Internet service provider (ISP) server.

Claim 111. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 101 further comprising the step of receiving a data message instructing said local CPE to go off-hook prior to said local CPE going off-hook.

Claims 112-125. (canceled)

Claim 126. (amended) A method of broadcasting incoming call information from a local customer premises equipment ("CPE") to at least one remote CPE, said method comprising:

receiving incoming call information including caller data at said local CPE, wherein said caller data is received as at least one frequency shift keying ("FSK") signal;

broadcasting, using said local CPE, a derived call information, which is derived from said received incoming call information and which includes said incoming call information, over a communications network to said at least one remote CPE; and

determining, at said remote CPE, a corresponding voice message as a function of at least a portion of said caller data, ~~The method according to Claim 125~~ wherein said determining step includes parsing a number field derived from said at least one FSK signals signal, and selecting sounds corresponding to said parsed number field.

Claim 127. (amended) A method of broadcasting incoming call information from a local customer premises equipment ("CPE") to at least one remote CPE, said method comprising:

receiving incoming call information including caller data at said local CPE, wherein said caller data is received as at least one frequency shift keying ("FSK") signal;

broadcasting, using said local CPE, a derived call information, which is derived from said received incoming call information and which includes said incoming call information, over a communications network to said at least one remote CPE; and

determining, at said remote CPE, a corresponding voice message as a function of at least a portion of said caller data, ~~The method according to Claim 125~~ wherein said determining step includes matching data derived from said at least one FSK signals signal to associated voice tags.

Claim 128. (amended) A method of broadcasting incoming call information from a local customer premises equipment ("CPE") to at least one remote CPE, said method comprising:

receiving incoming call information including caller data at said local CPE; and

broadcasting, using said local CPE, a derived call information, which is derived from said received incoming call information and which includes said incoming call information, over a

communications network to said at least one remote CPE, The method according to Claim 112
wherein said network includes at least one of a VentureNet, a Ethernet, a “blue tooth” network, a
X.10 network, a personal computer (PC) network, and a wireless network.

Claim 129. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 127 further comprising said
at least one remote CPE delivering said voice tag to a speaker device.

Claim 130. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 127 further comprising said
at least one remote CPE storing said voice tag.

Claim 131. (canceled)

Claim 132. (amended) A method of broadcasting incoming call information from a local
customer premises equipment (“CPE”) to at least one remote CPE, said method comprising:
receiving incoming call information including caller data at said local CPE;
determining, at said local CPE and as a function of at least a portion of said incoming call
information, a derived call information including said incoming calling information and
comprising a voice message, wherein said determining includes parsing a number field derived
from at least one frequency shift keying (“FSK”) signal, and selecting sounds corresponding to
said parsed number field; and

broadcasting, using said local CPE, said derived call information over a communications network to said at least one remote CPE ~~The method according to Claim 131 wherein said determining includes parsing a number field derived from said FSK signals, and selecting sounds corresponding to said parsed number field.~~

Claims 133-138. (canceled)

Claim 139. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 132 further comprising said at least one remote CPE delivering said sounds corresponding to said parsed number field to a speaker.

Claim 140. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 132 further comprising said at least one remote CPE storing said sounds corresponding to said parsed number field.

Claims 141-144. (canceled)

Claim 145. (amended) A method of broadcasting incoming call information from a local customer premises equipment ("CPE") to at least one remote CPE, said method comprising:
receiving incoming call information including caller data at said local CPE;

determining, at said local CPE and as a function of at least a portion of said incoming call information, a derived call information including said incoming calling information and comprising a voice message; and

broadcasting, using said local CPE, a derived call information, which is derived from said received incoming call information and which includes said incoming call information, over a communications network to said at least one remote CPE, ~~The method according to Claim 131~~
wherein said network includes at least one of a VentureNet, a Ethernet, a “blue tooth” network, a X.10 network, a personal computer (PC) network, and a wireless network.

Claims 146-150. (canceled)

Claim 151. (amended) An apparatus for broadcasting incoming call information from a local customer premises equipment (“CPE”) to at least one remote CPE, said apparatus comprising:
means for receiving incoming call information including a voice message at said local CPE;

means for deriving call information from said received incoming call information,
wherein said derived call information includes said incoming call information, and

means for broadcasting said derived call information over a communications network to said at least one remote CPE ~~The apparatus according to Claim 149 wherein said incoming call information includes a voice message.~~

Claim 152. (amended) The apparatus according to Claim ~~150~~ 151 further comprising means for taking said local CPE off-hook prior to receiving said voice message.

Claim 153. (amended) The apparatus according to Claim ~~150~~ 151 wherein said local CPE is at least one of a telephone set, a telephone answering device (TAD), digital telephone answering device (DTAD), and a voice mail device.

Claim 154. (previously presented) The apparatus according to Claim 151 wherein said local CPE includes means for receiving at least one ring tone from at least one of a central office (CO) switch, a voice over Internet protocol (VOIP) server, and an Internet service provider (ISP) server prior to taking said local CPE off-hook.

Claim 155. (amended) The apparatus according to Claim ~~150~~ 151 wherein said means for broadcasting includes means for transmitting said voice message over a paging channel.

Claim 156. (amended) The apparatus according to Claim ~~150~~ 151 wherein said network includes at least one of a VentureNet, a Ethernet, a "blue tooth" network, a X.10 network, a personal computer (PC) network, and a wireless network.

Claim 157. (amended) The apparatus according to Claim ~~150~~ 151 further comprising said at least one remote CPE including means for delivering said voice message to a speaker.

Claim 158. (amended) The apparatus according to Claim ~~150~~ 151 further comprising means for said local CPE to deliver said voice message to a speaker.

Claim 159. (amended) The apparatus according to Claim ~~150~~ 151 further comprising the means for storing said voice message at said remote CPE.

Claim 160. (amended) The apparatus according to Claim ~~150~~ 151 wherein said voice message is a call announce identification message.

Claim 161. (previously presented) The apparatus according to Claim 160 wherein said call announce identification message is generated by at least one of a central office (CO) switch, a voice over Internet protocol (VOIP) server, and an Internet service provider (ISP) server.

Claim 162. (previously presented) The apparatus according to Claim 152 further comprising means for receiving a data message instructing said local CPE to go off-hook prior to said local CPE going off-hook.

Claims 163-175. (canceled)

Claim 176. (amended) An apparatus for broadcasting incoming call information from a local customer premises equipment ("CPE") to at least one remote CPE, said apparatus comprising:

means for receiving incoming call information including caller data at said local CPE, wherein said incoming caller data is received as at least a portion of a frequency shift keying ("FSK") signal;

means for deriving call information from said received incoming call information, wherein said derived call information includes said incoming call information, and

means for broadcasting said derived call information over a communications network to said at least one remote CPE, wherein said remote CPE comprises means for determining a corresponding voice message as a function of at least a portion of said caller data by The apparatus according to Claim 175 wherein said means for determining a corresponding voice message includes means for parsing a number field derived from said FSK signals signal, and selecting sounds corresponding to said parsed number field.

Claim 177. (amended) An apparatus for broadcasting incoming call information from a local customer premises equipment ("CPE") to at least one remote CPE, said apparatus comprising:

means for receiving incoming call information including caller data at said local CPE, wherein said incoming caller data is received as at least a portion of a frequency shift keying ("FSK") signal;

means for deriving call information from said received incoming call information, wherein said derived call information includes said incoming call information, and

means for broadcasting said derived call information over a communications network to said at least one remote CPE, wherein said remote CPE comprises means for determining a corresponding voice message as a function of at least a portion of said caller data by The apparatus according to Claim 175 wherein said means for determining includes means for matching data derived from said FSK signals signal to associated voice tags.

Claim 178. (amended) An apparatus for broadcasting incoming call information from a local customer premises equipment ("CPE") to at least one remote CPE, said apparatus comprising:

means for receiving incoming call information including caller data at said local CPE;
means for deriving call information from said received incoming call information,
wherein said derived call information includes said incoming call information, and
means for broadcasting said derived call information over a communications network to said at least one remote CPE, wherein said remote CPE comprises means for determining a corresponding voice message as a function of at least a portion of said caller data and means for delivering said voice message to a speaker, and ~~The apparatus according to Claim 170~~ wherein said network includes at least one of a VentureNet, a Ethernet, a "blue tooth" network, a X.10 network, a personal computer (PC) network, and a wireless network.

Claim 179. (previously presented) The apparatus according to Claim 177 further comprising said at least one remote CPE including means for delivering said voice tag to a speaker device.

Claim 180. (previously presented) The method according to Claim 177 further comprising said at least one remote CPE including means for storing said voice tag.

Claim 181. (canceled)

Claim 182. (amended) An apparatus for broadcasting incoming call information from a local customer premises equipment ("CPE") to at least one remote CPE, said apparatus comprising:

means for receiving incoming call information at said local CPE;

means for deriving call information from said received incoming call information,

wherein said means for deriving call information comprises means for determining a

corresponding voice message as a function of at least a portion of said incoming caller

information by parsing a number field derived from a frequency shift keying ("FSK") signal, and

selecting sounds corresponding to said parsed number field, and

means for broadcasting said derived call information over a communications network to

said at least one remote CPE ~~The apparatus according to Claim 181 wherein said means for~~

~~determining includes means for parsing a number field derived from said FSK signals, and~~

~~selecting sounds corresponding to said parsed number field.~~

Claims 183-185. (canceled)

Claim 186. (previously presented) The apparatus according to Claim 182 further comprising said at least one remote CPE including means for delivering said sounds corresponding to said parsed number field to a speaker.

Claim 187. (previously presented) The apparatus according to Claim 182 further comprising said at least one remote CPE including means for storing said sounds corresponding to said parsed number field.

Claims 188-189. (canceled)